



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Palmdale Station Press Release Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

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Date and Time of Incident: 11-15-10, 12:00 PM
Type of Incident: Deputies Arrest Parolee after Sexually Assaulting Victim at Gas Station
Location of Incident: 3000 Block of Rancho Vista Blvd, City of Palmdale
Type of Location: Gas Station
Approved By: Lt. Don Ford

Suspect Information

| <u>Last Name</u> | <u>First Name</u> | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>City</u> |
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| Corkhill | Jeffrey | M | 30 | Palmdale |

Narrative

Deputies took a Parolee into custody today after linking him to an assault with intent to rape case that occurred on November 11th.

The victim of the assault was getting gas at a station near the 3000 Block of Rancho Vista Blvd around 5:00 AM when the suspect approached her and began making inappropriate comments towards her. Seeing the suspect was intoxicated the victim told him to leave and attempted to return to her vehicle when the suspect wrapped his arms around her from behind and began to sexually fondle her. The victim spun away from the suspect and got into her vehicle where she attempted to close her door but was stopped by the suspect. The two struggled momentarily over the door until the victim was able to pull the door close and drove away from the area.

Palmdale Zone Deputy John Mahaffey who heard of the incident began investigating it in an attempt to identify the suspect. Through his follow up he soon learned that an arrest for drunk driving was made nearby the location a few hours after the incident had occurred and was able to link the two cases together with the help of the victim.

Corkhill was taken into custody this afternoon and booked at Palmdale Station on charges of assault with the intent to commit rape as well as a violation of his current parole status. The Palmdale Station Detective Bureau will be handling the ongoing investigation.

Prepared by Deputy Robbie Royster